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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. U.S. Patent No. 6,294,856 corresponds to Japanese Patent No. 2000-139058 which is cited in the specification.

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